

REMARKS

The Notice of Allowance mailed April 1, 2004 has been received. Additionally attached to this Amendment is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), together with the appropriate fees.

In this Amendment, claims 22-40 have been added to the application. In particular, independent claim 31 has been presented, which is similar in recitation to allowed claim 1, but which does not define the reference lines as being adhesive lines. It is noted that independent claim 31 includes allowable subject matter from claim 1, i.e., that the reference lines extend beyond and outside an entire area that is sealed by the sealing resin, and should thus be considered allowable over the cited references for the inclusion of this feature. Moreover, the added dependent claims recite features of the embodiments shown in Figures 8a-9b, which embodiments were covered by allowed claim 1. It is requested that these claims be allowed.

It is submitted that this application remains in condition for allowance. Such action and the passing of this case to issue are requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a conference would help to expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Respectfully submitted,



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